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Applicant(s): Timothy E. Benson )  
Serial No.: 09/772,598 )  
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For: CRYSTALLIZATION AND STRUCTURE DETERMINATION OF  
STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS NAD SYNTHETASE

Group Art Unit: 2183  
Examiner: unknown

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to taking up the above-identified patent application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

#### In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 34, lines 4-12, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A (attached herewith) with notations to show the changes made.

Useful programs to aid one of skill in the art in connecting the individual chemical entities or fragments include, without limitation, CAVEAT (P.A. Bartlett et al., in Molecular Recognition: Chemical and Biological Problems, Special Publ., Royal Chem. Soc., 78:182-196 (1989); G. Lauri et al., J. Comput. Aided Mol. Des. 8:51-66 (1994); available from the University of California, Berkeley, CA); 3D database systems such as ISIS (available from MDL Information Systems, San Leandro, CA; reviewed in Y.C. Martin, J. Med. Chem. 35:2145-2154 (1992)); and HOOK (M.B. Eisen et al., Proteins: Struct., Funct., Genet. 19:199-221 (1994); available from Molecular Simulations, San Diego, CA).